

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

1. Please replace paragraph [00017] of the Specification with the following amended paragraph:

[0017] The approach for provisioning network devices allows any number of network devices to ~~by be~~ dynamically provisioned over a network without requiring physical access to the network devices.

2. Please replace paragraphs [0038]-[0040] of the Specification with the following amended paragraphs:

[0038] The invention is related to the use of computer system 400 for implementing the techniques described herein. According to one embodiment of the invention, those techniques are performed by computer system 400 in response to processor 404 executing one or more sequences of one or more instructions contained in main memory 406. Such instructions may be read into main memory 406 from another ~~computer-readable machine-readable~~ medium, such as storage device 410. Execution of the sequences of instructions contained in main memory 406 causes processor 404 to perform the process steps described herein. One or more processors in a multi-processing arrangement may also be employed to execute the sequences of instructions contained in main memory 406. In alternative embodiments, hard-wired circuitry may be used in place of or in combination with software instructions to implement the invention. Thus, embodiments of the invention are not limited to any specific combination of hardware circuitry

and software.

[0039] The term “~~computer-readable machine-readable~~ medium” as used herein refers to any medium that participates in providing instructions to processor 404 for execution. Such a medium may take many forms, including but not limited to, non-volatile media, volatile media, and transmission media. Non-volatile media includes, for example, optical or magnetic disks, such as storage device 410. Volatile media includes dynamic memory, such as main memory 406. Transmission media includes coaxial cables, copper wire and fiber optics, including the wires that comprise bus 402. ~~Transmission media can also take the form of acoustic or light waves, such as those generated during radio wave and infrared data communications.~~

[0040] Common forms of ~~computer-readable machine-readable~~ media include, for example, a floppy disk, a flexible disk, hard disk, magnetic tape, or any other magnetic medium, a CD-ROM, any other optical medium, punch cards, paper tape, any other physical medium with patterns of holes, a RAM, a PROM, and EPROM, a FLASH-EPROM, any other memory chip or cartridge, ~~a carrier wave as described hereinafter,~~ or any other medium from which a computer can read.